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FOLLOWING IS ACTION MAY 3 FROM GUADALAJARA ACTION MEXICO
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QUOTE:

GUADALAJARA 1191

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
 TAGS: ELAB, PGOV, SOCI, MX
 SUBJ: GUADALAJARA MAY DAY PARADE

REF: GUA A-01

(U) 1. SUMMARY: THE TRADITIONAL MAY DAY PARADE IN GUADALAJARA WAS PEACEFUL AND ORDERLY AS TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND UNIONIZED WORKERS PARADED FOR NEARLY FIVE HOURS PAST A REVIEWING STAND WHERE THE GOVERNOR, STATE LABOR AND PRI LEADERS, AND OTHER OFFICIALS WERE PRESENT. THE ONLY DISCORDANT NOTES WERE FROM THE INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE WORKERS UNION, WHO COMPLAINED THAT THEY HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY HOUSING CREDITS FROM INFONAVIT FOR TWO YEARS. END SUMMARY.

(U) 2. THE UNIONIZED LABOR MOVEMENT OF JALISCO HELD ITS

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TRADITIONAL MAY DAY PARADE IN GUADALAJARA ON THE FIRST OF MAY. FOR NEARLY FIVE HOURS, MEMBERS OF THE STATE MEXICAN CONFEDERATION OF WORKERS (CTM) UNIONS MARCHED DOWN THE RIGHT SIDE OF AVENIDA JUAREZ WHILE THE REVOLUTIONARY CONFEDERATION OF WORKERS AND PEASANTS (CROC) MARCHED DOWN THE LEFT SIDE AS THE HEADS OF THE STATE CTM AND CROC, THE GOVERNOR OF JALISCO, THE MAYOR OF GUADALAJARA, THE PRESIDENT OF THE JALISCO PRI AND OTHER HONOR GUESTS WATCHED FROM THE REVIEWING STAND.

(U) 3. THE PARADE WAS ORDERLY AND WELL ORGANIZED. PRESS ESTIMATES CLAIM THAT TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE PARTICIPATED. THE MARCHERS CARRIED BANNERS WITH SLOGANS DEMANDING A HALT TO INFLATION AND THE HIGH COST OF LIVING, AND PAYMENT OF THEIR UTILITY BILLS BY THEIR EMPLOYERS AS PART OF THEIR COMPENSATION. IN ADDITION, THEY ALSO CARRIED BANNERS CONDEMNING VIOLENT TACTICS IN THE PURSUIT OF POLITICAL GOALS, AND SIGNS AND BANNERS PRAISING THE VARIOUS LEADERS AND OFFICIALS PRESENT ON THE REVIEWING STAND, AS WELL AS MMH AND THE PRI.

(LOU) 4. THE ONLY DISCORDANT NOTES WERE PROVIDED BY SOME SECTIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT UNIONS THAT MARCHED AT THE FRONT OF THE PARADE. THE TELEPHONE WORKERS (SINDICATO DE LOS TELEFONISTAS DE LA REPUBLICA MEXICANA, SECCION DOS) CARRIED A BANNER COMPLAINING THAT INFONAVIT HAD NOT ASSIGNED ANY LIVING QUARTERS OR GIVEN ANY CREDITS TO THEIR MEMBERS IN TWO YEARS. OTHER MEMBERS OF THIS UNION CARRIED SMALLER PLACARDS DEMANDING CREDITS FOR HOUSING AND SIGNS WITH THE INFONAVIT LOGO ASKING ONLY "WHEN?". BESIDES THE TELEPHONE WORKERS, THE ONLY OTHER UNIONS NOT AFFILIATED WITH EITHER THE CROC OR CTM WERE THE CONFEDERATION OF REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS (CDR) AND THE RAILWAY WORKERS UNION.

(LOU) 5. MEMBERS OF THE UNITED MEXICAN SOCIALIST PARTY (PSUM) AND OF THE POPULAR SOCIALIST PARTY (PPS) BOTH CIRCULATED THROUGH THE CROWDS OF MARCHERS AND SPECTATORS DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS DENOUNCING THE "TRAITORS" OF THE ESTABLISHMENT LABOR MOVEMENT AND CALLING FOR THE NATIONALIZATION OF THE FOOD AND PHARMECEUTICAL INDUSTRIES, AND A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT "EMERGENCY" RAISE IN THE MINIMUM SALARY.

(C) 6. ALTHOUGH PRI STATE PRESIDENT RICARDO CHAVEZ PEREZ STATED TO THE PRESS THAT NO ONE SECTION OF THE PARTY WAS MORE IMPORTANT

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THAN ANOTHER - MEANING THE CTM AND THE CROC. - CTM OFFICIAL CARLOS ARIAS HERNANDEZ POINTED OUT TO CONOFF HOW MANY MORE PEOPLE WERE MARCHING WITH THE CTM THAN WITH THE CROC. HE RATHER CONTEMPTUOUSLY NOTED THAT THE CROC HAD TO RELY ON FLOATS, BANDS, AND LARGE BANNERS TO FILL OUT THEIR RANKS WHILE THE CTM SIDE WAS FULL OF PEOPLE ("PURA GENTE") WITH NO NEED OF GIMMICKS.

(C) 7. COMMENT: WHILE THE CTM AND THE CROC IN JALISCO ARE SAID TO ENJOY EXCELLENT RELATIONS (A POINT STRESSED REPEATEDLY IN PRESS REPORTS OF THE MAD DAY PARADE), ARIAS HERNANDEZ' REMARKS MAY INDICATE SOME BELOW THE SURFACE TENSIONS. MOREOVER, THE ACCORD BETWEEN THE TWO LABOR FEDERATIONS IN JALISCO IS NO MORE THAN SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS OLD, AND WHILE A "NO-RAIDING AGREEMENT" IS IN FORCE, WHEREBY ONE FEDERATION RESPECTS THE JURISDICTION OF THE OTHER, THERE ARE SOME AREAS OF TENSION, ESPECIALLY IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY (SEE REF AIRGRAM). SO FAR, HOWEVER, THERE ARE NO OBVIOUS RIFFS BETWEEN THE CTM AND THE CROC OR THEIR LEADERS. END COMMENT. DRAFTED BY: POL/ECON:SGGHITELMAN. ARIASUNQUOTE GAVIN

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